

ELLESMERE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A N N U A L R E P O R T

of

MEDICAL OFFICER of HEALTH for 1925.

To

The Chairman and Members of the
Urban District Council of Ellesmere.

Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in submitting to you my Annual Report for year 1925, as Medical Officer of Health for the Urban District of Ellesmere.

Area of District 1206 acres.
Population 1856.
No. of inhabited Houses, 474.
Rateable Value £8,105.
Sum represented by 1d. rate £33.

VITAL STATISTICS. The Births numbered 30, being 16 males and 14 females. Of these births 4 were illegitimate. These figures give a birthrate of 16.20 per thousand of the population. This is a lower figure than that for 1924, but still an improvement on figure for 1923, when birthrate was equal to 11.3 per thousand.

The number of Deaths after allowing for inward and outward transfers was 28, being 17 males and 11 females. This gives a Death-rate for 1925 of 15.2 per thousand. Not so low as last year when rate was 14.1.

CHIEF CAUSES OF DEATH being: Malignant Disease (Cancer etc.,) 7, Heart Disease 6, Tuberculosis 2, Whooping cough 2, Appendicitis 1, Typhoid Fever 1. No deaths occurred from Influenza, Scarlet Fever, or Diphtheria.

INFANTILE MORTALITY. Only one death occurred in infants under 2 months old. This gives a rate per thousand births of 33, a higher figure than last year when births were more, but a lower figure than in 1923 when rate was 44 per thousand births. Under this heading one must consider the benefits derived from the Maternity and Child Welfare Centre, opened fortnightly in the area under the County Council and private assistance. Here children under 5 years old are seen and advice given to parents. Also mothers are seen during pre-natal period and advice given, all of which is of help in lowering Infantile Mortality rates.

PREVALENCE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES. There were in 1925, 3 cases of Scarlet Fever, 2 cases of Diphtheria 2 cases of pneumonia (lobar), 3 cases of pulmonary Tuberculosis, 1 case of Typhoid Fever, 1 case of Erysipelas, 1 case of encephalitis Lethargica. The origin of case of Typhoid Fever was traced to a neighbouring town.

CAUSES OF SICKNESS. No outstanding cause, apart from minor outbreaks of influenza.

Sanitary matters have been attended to by the Sanitary Inspector and all necessary disinfecting satisfactorily done. The inspector made the necessary inspections of Factories 26, Workshops 22, and Workplaces 24, a total of 72 inspections. Any defects either of cleanliness or ventilation were corrected when pointed out by Inspector.

During the preceding five years, many improvements have taken place in public health matters.

These include building of new houses, improvement of sewerage in Elson area, collection of house refuse. Food inspection done by Sanitary Inspector and lastly arrangements made with Shrewsbury Isolation Hospital, for removal of any Infectious case, which cannot be properly isolated at home.

Taking the District as a whole I consider the matters dealt with in this report to be satisfactory.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

C. ROGERS.

